GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:792
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
CLOSURE OF MG LINE IN N.F. RAILWAY
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MG lines being closed down in the North Frontier Railway alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) when these are likely to be effected;

(c) the present extent of traffic congestion to and Guwahati Railway station and the steps taken to mitigate it;

(d) whether Saraighat bridge cannot accommodate double BG Track;

(e) if so, the service life of this bridge; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 792 ASKED BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2005 REGARDING CLOSURE OF MG LINE.

(a) & (b): The following Metre Gauge lines in Northeast Frontier Railway are proposed to be closed down and dismantled due to gauge conversion of certain lines:-

(i) Barsoi-Aluabari Road

(ii) New Bongaigaon-Rangia Jn.

(iii) Kamakhaya-New Guwahati

The dismantling of MG track on these sections would depend upon progress of gauge conversion projects and other sanctioned works in the area. However, no MG train services are at present running between New Bongaigaon-Kamakhaya-New Guwahati due to operational reasons.

(c): Following works have been taken up to mitigate traffic congestion to and from Guwahati station:-

(i) Gauge conversion of line No. 2 at Guwahati from MG to Broad Gauge (BG) alongwith the high level platform.

(ii) Gauge conversion of line No. 4 at Kamakhaya station from MG to BG alongwith high level platform.

(iii) The third line between Guwahati and New Guwahati by extending the FCI shunting neck at New Guwahati.

(iv) New Guwahati Coaching complex consisting of pit line, sick line & stabling lines.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f): There is no problem in this bridge and is expected to serve for a long period as per present day traffic and maintenance.